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Chicago still is a city of big things, even in tragedy.

The farmer who can get in his hay this weather is a very spry fellow.

Theodore N. Vail's latest hobby is "getting the best out of life." Having the means at hand and the disposition, Mr. Vail ought to be successful in his quest.

The candidate for governor of Massachusetts who is walking the length and breadth of the state in the interests of his candidacy will be in a position to write a strong plank on good roads.

There is no need for Roosevelt to give us his opinion about the note; his important work is to nag the United States into preparedness for war and for peace. In that work he can do really strong service.

Until all the grade crossings in Vermont can be eliminated under the present mode of procedure, it should be insisted that users of the highways refrain from going to sleep on the crossings. There is some degree of responsibility on the people who pass along the highways, not all on the railroads, the towns and the state.

One of the two Progressive party members of the last Massachusetts House of Representatives has come out as a Republican candidate for re-election to that body, Fred W. Cross being his name; and at the same time Stephen E. French, who since 1912 has been one of the most active workers for the Progressive party, has made public announcement to Republicans that they ought to beat Burbank for lieutenant governor. These are a few scattered indications that Progressives not only can come back but that they do come back to the Republican party, where they will be gladly welcomed in most instances.

THE EASTLAND TRAGEDY.

The tragedy in the narrow confines of the Chicago river at Chicago on Saturday when a steamer turned on its side and killed a thousand persons is of such magnitude as to stun the entire country; and on recovering from the shock of the news the people make an insistent demand that a most rigid investigation be made to place the responsibility for the disaster. That so many lives should have been lost is not easily understood; that such an accident should have been possible is even more of a mystery. There must be criminal responsibility somewhere; and while no punishment can make amends for the terrible toll of human life it can serve as a distinct warning to those in charge of like situations. Therefore, no effort should be left undone that might serve to bring out that warning.

Add to the mysterious fires aboard several United States battleships within the past two weeks the fact that a sea-cock was opened on the torpedo boat destroyer Ericsson so that the vessel nearly sank at her dock and you have a chain of events that is calculated to shake the most snug complacency into a realization that something is wrong. Possibly



AEROLUX NO-WHIP PORCH SHADES

A NIGHT OF FRESH AIR and perfect repose

Sleeping in the pure, fresh air of the out of doors and at the same time in perfect seclusion is afforded you if you equip your porch with

AEROLUX NO-WHIP Porch Shades

These shades will turn any porch into the most delightful outdoor sleeping room imaginable. They keep out drafts and wind, and you will not be awakened by any flapping of the shades for this is prevented by the self-contained NO-WHIP ATTACHMENT with which these shades are equipped.

The shades come in a variety of weather-proof colors, and in several different grades. A.W. Badger & Co.

No. 7---Savings Deposits

The seventh of a series of advertisements setting forth the relationship of the bank to the community, its scope of business and its justification for existence.

The depositors in our Savings Department have the protection afforded by the national banking laws, as well as the assurance of the continuance of our policy of conservative investment. According to custom, the legal right of notice of withdrawal is, under ordinary conditions, waived, leaving your money ready upon request. The extra cash which lies in your bureau drawer or in your purse might well be added to your bank book from week to week.

Before depositors can lose a penny, the bank would have to suffer the unlikely loss of the stockholders' double liability of \$200,000.00, plus the surplus and profits of \$28,500.00, in all, \$228,500.00. With such a guarantee as that your savings are secure.

The Peoples National Bank furnishes attractive, metal home-savings banks. They are always appreciated by children and serve to instruct them in the care of money.

The Peoples National Bank of Barre

Worthen Block

Open Monday Evenings from 7 to 8



Our Phone No. is 399-M

The spoken word, the wired word or written word will find us on the job from 8 A. M. to 5.45 P. M. at your service. Everything for men's and boys' wear.

To-day, Special Lightweight Two-piece Suits.

Palm Beach and Wool Crash Unlined Coats, very light and cool, \$7.50 and \$10.

Coats and Trousers.

F. H. Rogers & Co.

We Clean, Press, and Repair Clothing

The efforts of officials to minimize and smooth over these untoward developments are intended to cloak the investigations that may be going on secretly and, in consequence, the public should not be unduly stirred up by the apparent apathy; but if those investigations are not being made by the officials of the navy department it is outrageous heedlessness on the part of those who are in charge of the vital interests of the American government and who alone are expected to protect those vital interests. It does not seem likely that a series of mysterious outcroppings of evil like those that have befallen the United States navy in the last few weeks will be allowed to go unchallenged.

THE FINAL WORD OF THE UNITED STATES.

"Deliberately unfriendly" are the words which accurately express the sentiments of a vast majority of the people of the United States. They were the closing words of the latest note which Secretary of State Lansing dispatched to Germany on behalf of President Wilson. The words refer to the perpetration of further acts affecting American citizens in violation of their rights on the high seas and in contravention of the accepted international laws of warfare. Back of them is the sinking of the Lusitania. Ahead of them lie we know not what. It all depends upon Germany. In the parlance of the day, it is up to Germany. It is easily within the ability of Germany to maintain relations with a country which, despite all reports to the contrary, is endeavoring to preserve a strict neutrality in the war as far as governmental act is concerned. It is also easily possible for Germany to alienate that friendly relation completely, perhaps even to bring about open rupture between Germany and the United States. The next act will be Germany's; the United States has said her last word and spoken so plainly that there can be no misunderstanding of her position and at the same time, of her desire to remain on good international terms with the Kaiser's empire. The time for deliberate quibbling by Germany is past, and in saying that one need not adopt a belligerent attitude in the least. It is safe to say that the United States will not indulge in quibbling, even as it has not indulged thus far in the negotiations between the two countries following the Lusitania outrage. The United States awaits a direct, frank reply to the latest presentation of our case.

His Come-Down.

Hold—He started out with a six thousand dollar automobile.
 Guess—And what car is he using now?
 Hold—A street car, Youkers State-men.

MONTPELIER

Man Pleads Guilty to "Absent-Minded Foolishness" in City Court.

Dean Hall of Middlesex appeared in city court this morning to answer to the charge of driving an automobile on the wrong side of the road. He was taken into custody about 8 o'clock last evening by Officer Sloan, who observed him going up State street on the left and around the Main street corner on the left of the sign. That the police are especially vigilant was evinced when Officer Baldwin accosted Mr. Hall while he was being brought to headquarters by the other officer. In court he pleaded guilty to "absent-minded foolishness" to quote the respondent, and it cost him \$6.14, he being fined the minimum of one dollar.

John V. Norton returned this morning to his home in St. Albans after passing the week end in the city.

In probate court the Northfield Trust Co. settled its account as guardian of Martha A. Fisher, a minor of Northfield.

E. S. Abbott, Miss Ruth Dutton and Miss Marion Watson are assisting in the office of the state commissioner of education at the State House.

Auto parties registered yesterday at the Pavilion: W. W. Thorpe, Mrs. George W. Birge and Mrs. Rachael Birge, Bristol, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Child, Watertown, N. Y.; Ruth Child, Albany, N. Y.; and Fremont C. Peck and chauffeur, Allentown, N. Y.; C. A. Reed and Mary Reed, Chicago, Misses Violette and Louise Chandler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; T. H. Richardson and wife, G. P. Richardson, Chicago; William A. Chapin, wife and daughter, Chicago.

The house of J. W. Jerome, 211 Main street, was visited by a thief sometime Sunday and the contents of the ice chest which is located on a back piazza removed, causing not a little indignation to the family when a visit was made to the refrigerator last evening to procure food for a light repast. The thief must have carried along a good-sized basket in his raid, for everything in the house was taken.

William McKee and Edward D. Fields left Sunday night for Detroit, Mich., and other points in the West, the former making a trip in the interests of the American Fidelity Co., and Mr. Fields for the National Life Insurance Co. They were accompanied by James Jerome, who is taking a vacation from his duties in the Adams store and will pass a couple of weeks at Mount Clemens.

The police are investigating the cause of an argument which occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning on Main street and which made an unusual amount of noise, caused an irate tenant of a block facing on Main street to throw a book from a third-story window and Officer Sloan to take Samuel Aron, who operates a jitney, and six other local men to police headquarters. Aron, it is understood from the police, carried the party of six to this city from Barre, but evidently not satisfied with the journey of six miles, the party wished to be carried further. This Aron refused to do and the argument developed, in which it is alleged some abusive language was used and someone drew a knife. The officer escorted the party to the station.

WEST BERLIN

C. A. Patterson and Miss Addie Emerson were in Montpelier one day last week. Also Mrs. Julia Young, Mrs. C. B. Hoyt and aunt, Margaret Hoyt, from Andover, Mass., were guests at Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cooper's recently.

Mrs. Ella Strong and daughter, Carolyn, from Northfield visited Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gove last week, and also took in the ice cream lawn party at ladies' hall last Thursday night.

Miss Corrie Streeter was in Northfield one day last week.

Mrs. M. J. Ayers is quite poorly with rheumatic trouble.

G. A. Snow from Waterbury spent Sunday in this place with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Keyes from Woodville, N. H., made a short visit to her mother's, Mrs. M. J. Ayers, last Sunday, returning home the same day.

Miss M. L. Libbey visited her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Ayers, Saturday.

Miss E. M. Ayers and Mrs. W. C. Keyes visited Mrs. A. S. Libbey last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Scott and children from Barre visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coburn, Sunday.

The ladies will meet with Mrs. Fred Cameron next Thursday afternoon.

ROCHESTER.

Maxwell Fosssett is clerking in a drug store in Barre.

Ezekiel Emerson of St. Cloud, Fla., is spending the summer in town.

Dr. and Mrs. Holden and granddaughter of Melrose, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Campbell.

Mrs. Emma Hubbard of Granville was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry of Yonkers, N. Y., are here for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Dr. C. E. Merriam went to Rutland last week with the little son of Allan Darrah, who has infantile paralysis. At Rutland they met Dr. Lovett of New York City, a specialist.

The ball game between the Barre nine and Rochester resulted in a score of 3 to 1 in favor of Rochester.

Miss Glendene Ball is in Boston attending summer school.

Mrs. Hattie Conner of Brandon is spending a few weeks in town.

Mrs. Deane of Montpelier has been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Martin.

Miss Dorothy Buck of Randolph visited Miss Jessie Morgan recently.

Clean-up sale of linen skirts at Abbott's.

Dogs vs. Sheep.

A distinguished writer says that "dogs are the same in all nations." That may be true, speaking philosophically, but when the people of Vermont face the practical question of raising mutton and wool, they are ready to admit that dogs among the Esquimaux are entirely different from dogs in the Green mountains.

When you ask why Vermont no longer leads the world in the production of fine sheep, you are met by the short but comprehensive reply—"Dogs."

When you ask a farmer why he does not raise sheep and let them feed upon the hillsides, he nineteen times out of nineteen will reply—"Dogs."

When you ask the owner of golf links why he does not use sheep to keep down the grass on the course, the chances are he will reply—"Dogs."

If you ask why Vermont is not helping to solve the meat problem by raising its own mutton, the answer in four letters is—"Dogs."

In short, Vermont at present prefers "Dogs" to sheep and sheep interests in whatever form you may state the one or the other. Not until we legislate dogs into their proper sphere, can Vermont put sheep where they belong in our diversified farming, especially with reference to the production of wool and meat.—Burlington Free Press.

Clan Gordon, No. 12, O.S.C., Barre, Vt.

31st Annual

Picnic and Games

At Caledonia Park

Saturday, July 31, 1915

Games to commence at 12:30 p. m. sharp, when upwards of \$200.00 will be given in prizes.

Refreshments, Consisting of Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches, Ice Cream, and Soft Drinks, on the Grounds

CLANSMAN WILLIAM BARCLAY will give all children under 12 years of age on the grounds 10 cents at 3:00 p. m.

QUOITS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS will be on the grounds

Bruce's Orchestra of 5 Pieces will furnish music for dancing in the pavilion during the afternoon

Five-a-side Association Football Contest For the Championship of Vermont \$25.00 to the Winning Team

\$10.00 to runners up. Referees—Robert Mutch, Wm. Thom. Timekeeper—Joseph D. Will. Entry money, \$1.25 a team. All entries must be in hands of secretary not later than Saturday, July 24. Teams will be drawn Wednesday, July 28, at 7 p. m., in Clan Gordon rooms, 20 Bolster block.

Grand Exhibition and Contest of Highland Dancing SWORD DANCE—Competition Open for Juveniles; 1st Prize, Gold Medal; 2d Prize, Silver Medal

After this competition, there will be an exhibition dance, "THE HIGHLAND REEL," danced by well-known local dancers in highland costume.

Entry Money, 25c for Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14; Quoits, 10c

1. Throwing Heavy Hammer \$3.00 2.00 1.00
2. Putting the Stone 3.00 2.00 1.00
3. Running High Leap 2.50 1.50 1.00
4. Hop, Step and Jump 2.00 1.50 1.00
5. Long Leap 2.00 1.50 1.00
6. Vaulting the Pole 3.00 2.00 1.00
7. 100 Yards Dash 3.00 2.00 1.00
8. Shoe Race—Special prize by Clansman Geo. N. Tilden, pair shoes, value \$3.50, confined to clansmen 40 years of age or over.
9. Boys' race, under 15 years, 3 yards to each year \$1.50 1.00 0.50
10. Girls' Race, under 15 years, 3 yards to each year 1.50 1.00 .50
11. Past Chief's and Chief's Race, donated by two young clansmen 2.00 1.00
12. Apprentice Race, 1/4 mile; special prizes—1st, 10-cut bush hammer, by Trow & Holden; 2d, 10-cut hammer, by James Ahern; 3d, hand hammer, by Trow & Holden.
13. Married Ladies' Race; special prizes by Dr. W. D. Reid \$3.00 2.00 1.00
14. 440 Yards Dash 3.00 2.00 1.00
15. 100 Yards Dash, open to clansmen's wives of any age; special prize, pair of shoes, value \$4.00, by Clansman Bruce McDonald.
16. Place Kick for Married Ladies; special prize, palm, by Emslie & Co., valued at \$5.00.
17. Clan Quoits; 1st prize, gent's umbrella, by a friend of Clan Gordon; 2d, box of cigars.
18. Single Ladies' Race, 18 years or over, special prize donated by Clansman John A. Robertson (Gauld & Robertson) \$1.50 1.00 0.50

Judges of Games—Samuel Gerrard and Alex. Milne. Referee—Wm. McDonald. Union rules to govern.

A special prize of \$5.00, donated by a clansman, will be given to the youngest eligible clansman on the field accompanied by his mother; prize given at 4:00 o'clock.

A handsome set of Dinner Dishes, presented by Clansman E. M. Laws.

Gate Prizes for Ladies—1st, \$3.00; 2d, \$2.00

Given by Ex-Alderman Alex. Milne, to be drawn at 5:00 p. m. Winner must be on grounds; ladies, save your gate checks.

Girls' Race, age limit 11 years, open to clansmen's daughters; special prize donated by young clansman; 1st, \$1.50; 2d, \$1.00; 3d, 50c.

Dart Throwing Contest—\$6.00 pipe, given by George Marion, to the party making the best score during the day.

Grand Competition—Napanee Kitchen Cabinet

Valued at \$28.00, Presented by Clansman A. W. Badger.

SHOOTING COMPETITION, special prize, \$5.00, given by the Spanish-American War Veterans, to the person making the best score for the day. Clan guns only to be used.

TRAINS will leave Barre over the Montpelier & Wells River as follows: 10:30 a. m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15 p. m. Returning on train leaving Montpelier at 5:00, 5:45, 6:15 p. m. Special leaves park at 7:00 p. m. Tickets must be procured at the railroad station; fare for the round trip, 10c; children, 5c. If paid on the train, 10c each way; be sure and procure your tickets before taking trains. People taking the electric cars get off at Marvin or Benjamin farms. All the above trains will stop at Blackwell street only.

Admission—Gents 25c, Ladies 10c, Boys Over 10 and Under 15 Years 10c, Teams 25c

GEORGE C. COBURN, Cash ALEX. EDWARD, Secretary. This program is subject to alteration.

Clean Up Sale!

All Garments Marked Down

Make This a Busy Week—Lots of Goods in This Sale.

Summer Dresses, Samples at Half-price.

Big Sale White Wash Skirts

All new, note the prices now:

\$1.50 White Skirts, different styles, \$1.00

\$2.00 White Linen Skirt, bargain, \$1.25

\$2.00 White fine Poplin Skirts.... 1.50

Other pretty White Skirts in Pique,

Gabardine, Palm Beach Cloths,

\$2.00 values, at.....\$1.25 and \$1.50

Clean Up Sale Waists

On center table—Lot Waists, 50c, 69c, 79c

Black Lawn Waist at 50c

Waists in Silks and Organdie, many

\$2.00 values, at \$1.00 and \$1.25

The Vaughan Store

CURRENT COMMENT

Vermont Crop Forecast.

Vermont crops make a pretty good figure in the government report for the current month, although the totals are generally smaller than last year. The total crop of corn will be, according to this official forecast, 1,880,000 bushels, while last year it was 2,150,000. Oats show a decrease of 88,000 bushels, the totals being 3,270,000 for this year and 3,357,000 for 1914. There is a big falling off in potatoes, the figures for this year and last being respectively 3,500,000 and 4,200,000 bushels.

Apples show a tremendous decrease. In 1914 the total product was 3,200,000 bushels, while this year it is set at only 1,560,000. The average condition of hay is set at 73, whereas last year at this time it was 86. Pastures were 91 in 1914, while this year their condition is only 85.

The American farmer has no cause for complaint, even if the grain price level is a small fraction of a per cent below the seven-year average for this time of the year. As matters stand, it is about 1 per cent higher than a year ago, and in any event the enormous volume of all the principal crops will more than counteract any possible lowering of prices.—White River Junction Landmark.

A Conservative Utterance.

"Preparedness against war does not invariably avert war,"—Theodore Roosevelt at San Francisco on Wednesday.

The author of this line has often been accused of radical and even extreme utterances. We accordingly desire to point out for commendation the splendid conservatism of this acknowledgment.

With the nations which possess 90 per cent of the world's total stock of preparedness tearing at each other's throats, murdering each other's young men with asphyxiating bombs and other implements of torture and cruelty—producing insanity and invalidism, as well as mangled bones—the colonel is not lacking in insight when he confesses that preparedness "does not invariably avert war." It does not. We can see that ourselves.

He might have gone even further. There was a man named Homer who lived so many years ago that the scholars of the world do not know whether he was an actual person or merely an impersonation of the intellectual possession of a mighty race. His words, some students think, were committed to memory by wandering men who recited them in the village greens of that ancient world, long before the art of writing could put them in permanent form. At all events this man, or this figure of antiquity, gathering the wisdom of the ages before him, as

the infant world had begun to flap its experiences, said: "He that hardeneth his steel (literally iron because there was then no steel) hasteneth to the affray." Never on tables of stone, from Sinai's mount, have come words more amply supported in human experience. They are true of individuals, they are true of nations. We have on exhibition before us to-day perhaps the supreme example of their truth to be found in all human history.

The Herald agrees with much that Mr. Roosevelt says. Like him we believe in "preparedness." We want to be prepared for war, just as we want to be prepared for anything else good and bad, in this world—or the world to come—which we may need to encounter. We deplore the flabbiness of China—curiously known as the long-loved empire—and incidentally we dread the present liability that its uninspiring civilization may supplant that of a more virile Occident seemingly bent on its own extermination. We deplore the fate of Belgium. We would avoid for ourselves the dangers of unpreparedness. We also hope to be saved from the dangers of too much preparedness. Of this possibility Col. Roosevelt says nothing.

Here is a line that ought to be drawn in a deliberately judicial way, without hysteria or emotionalism. We clearly need to strengthen our military equipment at many points. The Plattsburg camp enterprise is altogether admirable. We should have more like it. The Edison board is a move in the right direction. Important results should follow its endeavors. But we also ought to remember that the greatest problem before statesmen and publicists is to discover a way in which the world can eventually and ultimately settle its disputes without war, and can hold itself in readiness to do this, without the tremendous economic burden of the armed peace now saddled on the backs of toiling humanity.

There is reason in all things. We ought to find the safe middle course. The philosophy of preparedness in itself, as the colonel expounds it, is too easy, too simple. Its proponents talk about a navy as an insurance. Only one navy in the world to-day is proving an insurance, and that is the one largest navy. We are thus only insured in this company when our policy exceeds the other fellows'. We should not as rational human beings rest content till we discover a more adequate insurance than this. So it is with other phases of the method of settling international disputes, by a contest in the torturing and murdering of men, and in the impoverishing of their posterity. We make no apologies to anybody—even to Mr. Roosevelt—for venturing to express the hope that the better way will come time by time, and that in this direction the present war will make a material contribution.—Boston Herald.

Men's Work Shoes

We have just received a new lot of Work Shoes. We would like to have you see them. \$2.50 to \$4.00, special while they last at

\$2.00

We still have a lot of Ladies' and Men's Oxfords and Pumps in broken lots and odd sizes that are the greatest bargains we ever offered. Good styles. Don't wait until your size is gone, come in now.

Rogers' Walk-Over Boot Barre, Vermont Shop 178 N. Main St.